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Last night I received a telephone call from an old friend in New York, a man of experience and a careful and even exact reporter. He said he had attended a working lunch that day with colleagues in Wall Street. Two were men closely involved with Nixon. One of them explained to the group that Nixon was handling the Vietnam peace problem "like another Fortas case." He was trying to frustrate the President, by inciting Saigon to step up its demands, and by letting Hanoi know that when he took office "he could accept anything and blame it on his predecessor."

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